

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A control server for controlling a first ~~installed~~-apparatus and a second ~~installed~~-apparatus, both of the first ~~installed~~-apparatus and the second ~~installed~~-apparatus providing sound output, said control server comprising:

a communication unit configured to receive, from the first ~~installed~~-apparatus, a notification signal, the notification signal including information indicating (i) that a detection of changing a level of sound output of the first installed-apparatus has changed, and (ii) the level of sound output of the first apparatus; and

an operating unit configured to

(i) determine, upon the communication unit receiving the notification signal from the first ~~installed~~-apparatus, whether or not to change a level of sound output of the second ~~installed~~-apparatus or turn off the second apparatus, according to the level of sound output of the first apparatus and a distance a distance between the first installed-apparatus and the second installed-apparatus, and

(ii) change the level of sound output of the second ~~installed~~-apparatus or turn off the second apparatus according to the detection of changing the level of sound output of the first ~~installed~~ apparatus, the detection being indicated by the notification signal, when said operating unit determines to change the level of sound output of the second ~~installed~~-apparatus or turn off the second apparatus,

wherein the operating unit determines to change the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn off the second apparatus when (i) the level of sound output of the first

apparatus is above a first predetermined threshold and (ii) the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus is below a second predetermined threshold.

34. (Currently Amended) The control server according to claim 33, wherein said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section operable to acquire location related information which indicates ~~a distance~~the distance between an installed location of the first ~~installed~~-apparatus and an installed location of the second ~~installed~~-apparatus; and

~~said operating unit determines whether to change the level of sound output of the second installed apparatus based on the distance between the installed location of the first installed apparatus and the installed location of the second installed apparatus, the distance being indicated by the location related information acquired by the location related information acquiring section.~~

35. (Currently Amended) A control server for controlling a first apparatus and a second apparatus, both of the first apparatus and the second apparatus providing sound output, said control server comprising:

a communication unit configured to receive, from the first apparatus, a notification signal, the notification signal including information indicating that a state of power of the first apparatus has changed; and

an operating unit configured to

(i) determine, upon the communication unit receiving the notification signal from the first apparatus, whether or not to change a level of sound output of the second apparatus or

turn off the second apparatus, according to the state of power of the first apparatus and a distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus, and

(ii) change the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn off the second apparatus when said operating unit determines to change the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn off the second apparatus,

The control server according to claim 33, wherein

the notification signal indicates the detection of changing the level of sound output of the first installed apparatus during operation or indicates a detection of changing a state of power of the first installed apparatus, and

wherein said control server operating unit decreases the level of sound output of the second installed apparatus or turns off the second installed apparatus when (i) the information included in the notification signal indicates that the level of sound output of the first installed apparatus during operation increases or that the first installed apparatus has turned on, and (ii) the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus is below a predetermined threshold.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A control server for controlling a first apparatus and a second apparatus, both of the first apparatus and the second apparatus providing sound output, said control server comprising:

a communication unit configured to receive, from the first apparatus, a notification signal, the notification signal including information indicating that a state of power of the first apparatus has changed; and

an operating unit configured to

(i) determine, upon the communication unit receiving the notification signal from the first apparatus, whether or not to change a level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn on the second apparatus, according to the state of power of the first apparatus and a distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus, and

(ii) change the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn on the second apparatus when said operating unit determines to change the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn on the second apparatus,

The control server according to claim 33, wherein

the notification signal indicates the detection of changing the level of sound output of the first installed apparatus during operation or indicates a detection of changing a state of power of the first installed apparatus, and

wherein said control server operating unit increases the level of sound output of the second installed apparatus or turns on the second installed apparatus when (i) the information included in the notification signal indicates that the level of sound output of the first installed apparatus during operation decreases or that the first installed apparatus turns has turned off, and (ii) the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus is below a predetermined threshold.

38. (Canceled)

39. (New) The control server according to claim 35, wherein
said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section
operable to acquire location related information which indicates the distance between the first
apparatus and the second apparatus.

40. (New) The control server according to claim 37, wherein
said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section
operable to acquire location related information which indicates the distance between the first
apparatus and the second apparatus.

41. (New) The control server according to claim 33, wherein
said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section
operable to acquire location related information which indicates a location of the first apparatus
and a location of the second apparatus, and
said operating section is operable to determine the distance between the first apparatus
and the second apparatus based on the location of the first apparatus and the location of the
second apparatus.

42. (New) The control server according to claim 35, wherein
said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section
operable to acquire location related information which indicates a location of the first apparatus
and a location of the second apparatus, and

said operating section is operable to determine the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus based on the location of the first apparatus and the location of the second apparatus.

43. (New) The control server according to claim 37, wherein
 said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section
operable to acquire location related information which indicates a location of the first apparatus and a location of the second apparatus, and
 said operating section is operable to determine the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus based on the location of the first apparatus and the location of the second apparatus.